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Mike Temple, a kennel worker with the Granite City Animal Protective Association, checks out some of the dogs at the APA's shelter in Granite City. The APA operates a no-kill animal shelter and is currently seeking funding to upgrade and expand its facilities.

## APA shelter seeking funds

No-kill facility houses animals

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

At this time of year, while hearts and minds turn toward giving and sharing, there are some whom many often overlook. They have fur and four legs; some have wet noses and sloppy kisses. They're homeless through no fault of their own. Dogs and cats, often considered man's best friend or the perfect companions, are often deserted or neglected. The Granite City Association for the Protection of Animals, or APA, wants people to consider their furry friends during the holiday season. The shelter is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter dedicated to saving the

lives and finding homes for the many deserted and neglected animals. However, said shelter supervisor Lynn Nash, money is desperately needed to keep the shelter up and running. The shelter does not get any financial support from the local, state or federal governments, he said, and operates strictly on the charity of a few, kind animal lovers. Owners or rescuers bring animals to the shelter; sometimes, dogs and cats are simply thrown over the shelter's fence or chained to it. Many are sick, injured or starving, and shelter workers nourish and medicate them, tend to their injuries and finally attempt to find them good homes. (See APA, Page 4A)



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## Off the beaten trail

Don't want to settle for a toaster or tie for that hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list? The Press-Record has put together a gift guide of unusual and beyond the ordinary present ideas. For example, try some reproduction artifacts and genuine native crafts such as those pictured here, available from the Cahokia Mounds State Historical Site Museum. For more unusual ideas, see People, page 1C.

## Madison finds no takers for gravel mining operation

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

While a proposed sand and gravel mining operation on property owned by the city of Madison has attracted some interest, nobody is willing to commit to the project at this time. At Tuesday's City Council meeting, consultant Glenn O'Bryan said the city received no bid proposals by the

Monday deadline. "We've put the project out for bids twice in five months," O'Bryan said. "I think it's a viable project, but we're ahead of the need." He said when the relocation of Interstate 70 and other projects needing fill dirt begin, it may create more interest in the proposal. The city has been considering the plan for approximately two years.

The land, a 119-acre parcel known as the North Borrow property north of the landfill, was originally given to the city by Waste Management Inc. The city and the company reached an agreement earlier this year allowing the company to take sand, gravel and dirt out of the property for use at the two landfills, but city officials said it may be more cost-effective for them to buy the materials from

another company. The Council had approved a contract with O'Bryan in early August, but nobody responded to their request to submit proposals. Under the original agreement, the mining agreement would run for 20 years. During that time, the company winning the contract would pay the city. (See MINING, Page 4A)

## Voters get right to cap county taxes

Referendum could limit funding

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Madison County voters will decide in April whether to give themselves the power to adjust their tax levy. If voters approve a ballot question in April, most taxing bodies in the county will not be able to raise their tax levy more than 5 percent or above the rate of inflation without voter approval by referendum. Only home-rule cities, including Granite City and Alton, and cities that spill over into St. Clair County, such as Madison and Collinsville, are exempt. At Wednesday's County Board meeting, members approved placing on the April ballot the Property Tax

Extension Limitation Law, better known by its nickname, tax caps. Board member Alan Dunstan of Troy said that the legislative and finance committees worked for almost a year on this issue. "The bottom line is that this is a question that the public has a right to vote on," Dunstan said. "We hope that through this process that we will have a couple of forums and hope there is a good debate." New board member Wayne Bridgewater of Wood River said that in the state of Illinois, 32 counties have passed tax caps legislation and eight have denied it. "As I campaigned this past year to win this seat on the County Board,

one overriding question that was on the minds of thousands of people in the district was: What are we going to do about these escalating property taxes," Bridgewater said. "With our proposal of submitting this tax cap question to the voters of Madison County, we're keeping faith with the people by allowing voters to decide," he said. There are many arguments on both sides of the issue, he said. For instance, some say the proposal, if approved, could hurt schools and municipalities by limiting their ability to raise money for projects or services. (See TAX CAPS, Page 4A)



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## Lunch in style

Several students at Prather Elementary School in Granite City were taken to lunch at the St. Louis Riverfront McDonald's in a limousine as a reward for their efforts in a recent Prather PTA fund-raiser. Prather principal Norbert Tate, left, accompanied by Jonathan Saffell, Michael Richmond, Cassandra Mifflin, Jessica Lee, Drashetra Glaude and Samantha Jones. Also bidding the students off is Prather PTA president Sandy Rogers.

## Indianapolis firm coming to Madison Company treats wastewater

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An Indianapolis-based company that processes non-hazardous wastewater is planning to purchase a building in Madison and may employ as many as 50 people within two years. Ecological Systems Inc., collects non-hazardous industrial wastewater and ships it to Indianapolis for treatment and disposal. The Madison facility would be used as a truck terminal and transfer station. The company is negotiating for the purchase of a building in the Fox Industrial Park and plans a total

investment of about \$2 million over two years. Mark J. Deschaine, president of Ecological Services of Illinois, Inc., the company's local branch, made a presentation at the Madison City Council meeting Tuesday. "What we are proposing is a state-of-the-art recycling facility," he said. "We were going to locate here, regardless, on a vacant piece of land north of there," he said. "But they put the building up for sale four or five weeks ago." The company would also provide. (See WASTEWATER, Page 4A)

## Granite looks at hearing officer

Violators  
targeted by  
discussion

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Residents who continuously violate Granite City's ordinance governing upkeep of property may soon wind up in court a lot faster. Fed up with the long-running problem of residents who thumb their noses at city rules and wanting to do more than the current citation and fining system allows, the Granite City Council Tuesday discussed allowing Mayor Ron Selph to appoint a hearing officer to handle these cases. The hearing officer would operate under guidelines similar to the new adjudication system set up earlier in. (See OFFICER, Page 4A)

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# OPINION

## Remembering a legacy of public service

Kay Kendall's death leaves area community poorer

A few brief paragraphs about community service, to which we all pay lip service, and two people whose actual work in that field, though performed in different areas, will not soon be forgotten.



Carol Clarkin

Few of us, myself included, will leave a lasting legacy to our town, but I like to think that these two, both of whom died earlier in this pre-holiday season, have done just that in Edwardsville.

First, Winston Brown, whose contributions to our town were detailed in depth in November in the *Journal*. And more recently, Kay Kendall, who lived here with her husband, John, from 1963 until last year, when the couple moved to Maryland, where she died Dec. 5.

Both were personal friends, neither was a native son or daughter of the town, and both were among the most active workers for the benefit of the community I've ever known.

To say that Kay was multi-talented would be understating the case, and her interests and work reflect those talents: musician, author, inventor, environmentalist, potter, she was a Jill-of-all-trades.

Examples: Her husband John had brought to America the Suzuki method of teaching violin to small children, a method which employs extremely small instruments. In spite of the size, the violins exerted some chin-and-shoulder pressure on the children and, as Kay once told me, at 4 a.m. one fine day, she awoke with the idea of designing what became known as the kinder-chinder pad to soften that pressure.

A few years later, she wrote two books for children, "Stories of Composers for Young Musicians" and "More Stories of Composers," both of which sold well in this country and were later translated into Swedish and Portuguese. A graduate of Oberlin College's Conservatory of Music, she was a talented viola player, and, for a number of years, played in two area orchestras.

Then there was her interest in the welfare of Edwardsville's elderly citizens. Together with John, she was a leader in the group that established the Edwardsville Senior Citizen Center, served as the center's board chairwoman at least two years and was responsible for inaugurating the Center's Meals on Wheels lunch, transportation and information services programs.

Again teamed with John, she was a major force in the Watershed Nature Preserve, a 45-acre outdoor education center and wetland habitat located near Hoppe Park, where once a city sewage treatment plant had been located.

Then, in the late '80s, she became a potter, or, as she told me once, a "mudhead, someone who morning, noon, and night, wants to fool around with mud." Her work was displayed and sold at the former Silver Lining Gallery on Main Street, and I'm happy to own a couple of pieces that will always remind me of Kay.

Incidentally, none of her projects was for personal profit. She established a non-profit corporation and gave proceeds to go into scholarships for aspiring young musicians.

Kay was honored for her work many times. She was given the Jefferson Award for the American Institute for Public Service, the first recipient of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award from the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and the one of which she was especially proud, the 1976 Environmental Protection Agency's Quality Award in Illinois for the development of "Woodward Scrubs Nature Center" on the Kendall property just off Old Poag Road.

There are grown men and women, parents now themselves, who can remember from their elementary school years going on class outings to Woodward and being guided through the nine-acre nature trail by a silver-haired, sparkling-eyed pixie who explained the creek and pond, home to bass, sunfish, carp, frogs and turtles; the covered bridge and barn, built from timbers used in the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair; the slough where migrating mallards and wood ducks nest; the bamboo patch, the multiflora rose hedge, the grape arbor.

She encouraged them to use the willow tree for hide-and-seek. I hope those former kids still occasionally recall those trips and the pixie lady.

I certainly won't forget her.



## Here comes the mighty Wirtz bill

### Blackhawks owner tries a Statehouse power play

You'd almost think that Springfield was the capital of a Third World country the way a very wealthy man was able to blatantly manipulate the state legislature the other day.

Bill Wirtz owns the Chicago Blackhawks National Hockey League team. He is also a major wine and liquor distributor in Illinois.

The Blackhawks are the absolute pits this year, but Wirtz makes a whole lot of money off his distributor license. And when that business was threatened by some giant distillers, Wirtz did what all sports owners do: He threw a bunch of money at the problem and demanded instant results.

Liquor distributors are disappearing all over Illinois. Part of the reason for this distillery companies are merging.

Distributions carry only certain brands of liquor and their territories are limited. So, if Rot Gut Wickey Distillery uses Joe's Distributing on the south Side of Chicago and Smoother Sippin' Whiskey Distillery uses Fred's South Side Distributing and the two distilleries merge, then the new management may decide to send all of its business to just one distributor instead of two. Either Joe or Fred is going to be out of luck.

That doesn't usually happen in the beer business. Unlike liquor distributors, state law protects beer distributors by making it very difficult for brewers to switch distributors or alter their territories. It's a sweet deal.



Rich Miller

After Wirtz's Nevada distributorship got dumped by a big liquor company and an overseas distiller announced it wanted to bypass distributors altogether, Wirtz decided he needed the same legal protections as his friends in the beer business.

So, he hired an influential Springfield lobbying firm and he launched a surprise assault on the General Assembly during the final week of the fall veto session that was unlike anything seen for at least the past 10 years.

The Bill Wirtz Protection Act of 1998 was drafted in almost complete secrecy. Then the four legislative leaders were quietly brought on board. Wirtz has lots of money for campaign contributions, and legislative leaders love to supply their members and their supporters with prime tickets to sporting events.

Wirtz's team then found a sympathetic committee chairman, Rep. Edgar Lopez

(D-Chicago) of the House Consumer Protection Committee. Yes, you read that right. Even though many believe Wirtz's bill could raise prices for consumers by stifling competition, Chairman Lopez was willing to go along with the game. Hey, Wirtz is a consumer, too, and he wanted some protection.

No detail was overlooked. A common maneuver to slow down legislation is to request what a bill will cost that's written by the affected state agency. Wirtz's lobbyists nudged the State Liquor Control Board to come up with a cost estimate in advance, something only rarely done in Springfield.

By the time D-Day arrived, word had got around that some rich guy was handing out contracts to just about anyone with a valid lobbyist registration. They fell all over themselves to grab a share of the booty.

All told, Wirtz hired about two dozen lobbyists, including former Gov. Jim Thompson (who was assigned to deal with Senate President Pate Philip) and former Senate President Phil Rock. Some were paid \$15,000 for a couple of days' work.

The House caved to the pressure only a few hours after Wirtz unveiled his legislation, passing the bill with a large bipartisan majority.

But the blatant gold rush had caught the eye of the Statehouse press corps and the next day newspapers throughout the state ran stories about what Wirtz was up to.

After the stories appeared, Senate President Pate Philip decided the heat was too intense to pass the bill, so he announced he was putting off further action until January, after the heat blew over. He said his chamber might make a few relatively minor changes then before sending it to the governor.

At least one of Wirtz's fellow liquor distributors has since come out against his plan and more opposition may build before January.

If not, Wirtz will have hired at least one winning team this year.

Too bad it's not the Blackhawks.

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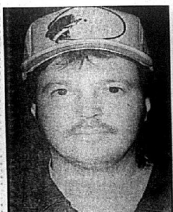
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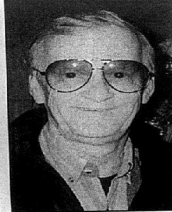
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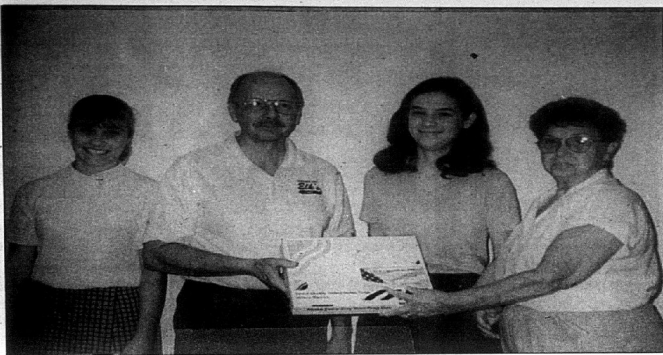
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## News



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## DAV awards

Granite City Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Chapter 53 recently presented a pair of Coolidge Middle School students with state awards in the organization's essay contest. From left are third-place winner Shannon Easley, CMS teacher Steve Eisenberg, second-place winner April Moncal and DAV Auxiliary Treasurer Mary Scarsdale. The pair finished first and second in the local competition and advanced to state competition. Moncal received a \$75 savings bond and Easley received a \$50 savings bond.

## Madison council 'holds line' on taxes

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An increase in the total tax levy for the city of Madison will probably not mean any increase in property taxes for residents.

Saying they "held the line" on taxes this year, Mayor John Hamm said the increases in the amount of tax revenue the city will receive — about

\$70,000 — comes from annexations.

On Tuesday, the City Council set a truth in taxation hearing for 6 p.m. Dec. 28, with a special meeting to approve the tax levy immediately following. The hearing is required by law if the proposed levy is more than 5 percent higher than the previous year's tax extension.

The proposed tax levy would

be an increase of about 22 percent.

City attorney Casper Nighohossian said that the city's total equalized assessed value is estimated at about \$24.5 million for the 1998 levy, up from about \$21.6 million for 1997.

Most of the difference, about \$1.7 million, comes from the annexation of the East Madison neighborhood and additional annexations in St. Clair County.

Nighohossian said the actual tax rate for the city should remain the same, at \$1.66 per \$100 assessed value, and will generate approximately \$442,000 in taxes.

"We worked hard to hold the line," Hamm said.

Pontoon  
Beach  
board  
meets  
tonight

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A special meeting of the Pontoon Beach Village Board has been set for tonight, Thursday, to discuss the possible purchase of land to expand the village hall.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m.

Mayor Glen Wilson has been trying for several years to either expand the present village hall or find a new facility.

He says the owner of property next to the present village hall, located at 3910 Illinois Route 111, has offered to sell the property to the village.

However, he said it is unlikely the board would approve the purchase.

"They probably want around \$100,000 for it," he said. "It's more than an acre and it has a house and two garages on it, but it's quite a bit of money."

The owner offered the property to the village previously, but the board shot it down.

"At one time a long time ago, they talked about it," Wilson said. "They thought it was too much money then, and they may say they are going to have to find a solution to space problems at the village hall."

"We do have to do something," he said Wednesday.

In November 1997, the board approved spending \$3,500 to hire an architect to develop a preliminary plan to convert the former Remington's and Shooters 270 building, 77 Chouteau Trace Parkway, into a village hall and police station.

However, that deal has since fallen through.

"They wanted too much money," Wilson said.

## News In Review

Editor's note: News In Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

## Larger Mitchell map dies

EDWARDSVILLE — Mitchell's 22-square-mile map is officially dead.

The 5th District Appellate Court on Dec. 9 upheld Associate Judge Randall Bono's dismissal in August 1997 of the incorporation supporters' petition to be allowed a public vote on incorporation. The vote would have been based on a map the Madison County Board had rejected earlier that summer.

The upholding of Bono's decision effectively ends the Mitchell supporters' first attempt to incorporate into a village.

It now falls to Bono today, Thursday, to decide whether Mitchell's new petition, based on a much smaller map, is valid and meets all the necessary requirements. The Madison County Board approved a new, 7.28-square-mile map in July.

Bono is scheduled to hear arguments on the Mitchell petition at 1 p.m. today in Room 302 in the Madison County Court House in Edwardsville.

## Fantasyland owner convicted

BROOKLYN — A forfeiture hearing scheduled for this week in the Fantasyland money laundering-prostitution trial of Everette O. Baker has been postponed while attorneys for both sides prepare legal briefs.

On Thursday, Baker, 58, of St. Louis, was found guilty of 15 counts of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 involving proceeds of unlawful activity in connection with prostitution at the Fantasyland Massage Parlor, the Fantasyland Night Club and other businesses in the complex, located in Brooklyn.

A jury in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis found Baker guilty on all counts after a seven-week trial. Baker had originally been indicted in September 1997.

## Ground broken for new center

HARTFORD — Members of the Lewis and Clark Society of America joined Gov. Jim Edgar, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, state Reps. Steve Davis and Tom Holbrook and state Sen. Evelyn Bowles in officially breaking ground for a \$7 million, 24,000-square-foot interpretive center.

The new building will be located just above the floodplain at the existing Lewis and Clark monument at the river's confluence, off Illinois 3 and Poag Road. The entire 221-acre park will include a reconstruction of Camp Dubois and will straddle the Confluence Bikeway from Alton to East St. Louis.

Organizers hope to have the site finished and open in time for the 200th anniversary of the expedition in 2004.

Edgar, flown in by helicopter, praised the work Costello and the others had done in pushing through the legislation that secured funding for the site. Edgar joined Costello, Holbrook, Davis, Bowles and George Arnold, president of the Lewis and Clark Society of America, in symbolically breaking the ground.

District turns attention  
to renovating middle schools

GRANITE CITY — The same firm that designed the renovated Granite City High School has gotten the official nod to draw the plans for the middle schools.

The Board of Education approved giving Pistrup Group Inc. the contract to draw the designs for a planned 15-room addition to Grigsby Middle School and renovations to Coolidge Middle School, said Superintendent Steve Balen.

The designs are part of a \$6.7 million districtwide renovation project that will also involve additional rooms for Maryville School and Niedringhaus School.

## Bush won't seek third term

EAST ST. LOUIS — Mayor Gordon D. Bush may be stepping down, but he's not walking away from East St. Louis.

Surrounded by clergy, elected officials, family and staff members, Bush announced Thursday that he will not seek a third term.

"We step aside at a time when we feel the city is better," he said. "We feel the city is on its way."

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Tax Caps

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Others, such as homeowners, say once they retire, they could not live in Madison County because of high property taxes.

The goal of tax caps, Bridge-water said, was the fiscal responsibility of the board.

Other members, such as Homer Henke of Moro, agreed. "I think Madison County will wholeheartedly support this, but what it will do to the taxing districts remains to be seen," he said. "We need fiscal restraint... and we cannot keep the levy the same when

assessments go up on property."

Member Don Garrett of Madison agreed and said that the board's approving the resolution would help restore people's confidence in the board.

Board members hope to spark a public debate on the issue because there are many questions that need to be answered.

For instance, board member Kent Schelbel of Edwardsville asked what would happen to cities that gained home rule. Would the tax caps referendum still apply, he asked, and would the same thing happen to cities such as Granite City

that are losing population? If Granite lost its home-rule status, would the tax caps law then apply?

Board Chairman Rudy Papa said they were good questions that would need to be answered as part of public discussion of the issue.

A panel may be formed comprised of residents both for and against the measure that would meet in various cities to answer questions and help fully inform the public on this issue.

If voters approve the referendum in April, it will become law in January 2000.

### Officer

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Madison to deal with the same types of problems, said Seip. The ordinance for appointing a hearing officer was brought before the council for City Attorney Keith Jensen to draft an ordinance. There are a few holes that still need to be filled in putting together the ordinance, Seip said Wednesday.

He said he hoped the adjudication system is a little more efficient and is able to lift some of the burden off the regular courts.

"It's a great step in the right direction for the city," Alder-

man Brian Fuzessery told his fellow council members Tuesday.

"There should be a tremendous number of people happy with this who would otherwise leave the city," added Alderman Carl Skubish. The people unhappy with the adjudication system will just have to be happy, he said.

Under adjudication, cases are settled before a hearing officer. The court hears cases for non-traffic offenses, such as parking and equipment violations, and city code violations, such as unkempt prop-

erties.

Madison began using an adjudication system in September. In that city, the minimum fine is \$50 if paid before the hearing, but the hearing officer can either dismiss the ticket, levy the original fine or impose a higher fine according to a fee schedule.

The system is designed to speed up the process of dealing with violators, rather than have a long, dragged-out regular court case or repeatedly cite someone for a violation, with no immediate results.

and spayed animals can be adopted for a nominal fee.

For more information on how you can help the shelter, send tax-deductible donations to APA, 5000 Old Alton Road, P.O. Box 1311, Granite City, Ill., 62040, or stop by if you want to give an abandoned animal a loving home.

### APA

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homes. Because the APA has a no-kill policy, animals are not killed after they've been there a long time. The cats and dogs are adopted to pet stores such as PetsMart in O'Fallon, where declawed cats and kittens and neutered

### Wastewater

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truck-washing services for other companies. It would employ about 14 people initially and up to 25 by the end of the first year.

Deschaine said that if business grows as expected, that number would reach 50 in about two years.

He also said that the jobs would be "good-paying," starting at about \$10 an hour.

Several aldermen questioned the type of materials that would be handled at the plant.

Deschaine said they would only handle "non-hazardous" wastewater.

He said that any wastewater taken to the site is tested to make sure it contains no hazardous materials.

He also said the building would be fitted so that in the event of a spill, all the water would be contained and could be easily cleaned up.

"It's a self-contained build-

ing, nothing can leak out of it," he said.

When enough water is collected, he said it would be taken to Indianapolis, where the company has a processing plant. He said that although there are no special permits required for the Madison plant, the permits and specialized equipment necessary to process the water make it more cost-efficient to transport it to a central location for processing.

Absolutely no wastewater would be released at the Madison location. He also said that all the truck traffic would come in over Illinois 3.

Madison Mayor John Hamm pointed out that because it would not be in a tax increment financing district or enterprise zone, the company's investment would also benefit the Madison School District's taxing base. He also said the company had committed to hiring Madison residents if possible.

### Mining

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city a minimum of \$25,000 in royalties per year.

Those royalties would be based on a payment of 31 cents per ton or 7 percent of gross sales of minerals from the property. O'Bryan's payment would be 13 cents per ton or 3 percent of gross sales.

### County offering tree mulching

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

After the wrapping paper has been thrown away and the holiday feast left over, the Christmas tree — or what's left of it — remains a place to drop off live trees, the Madison County Building, Zoning and Environmental Department will have 26 sites throughout the county.

"It's really important," said Madison County Solid Waste Coordinator Denise McCleary. "The state of Illinois changed the landscape waste law (prohibiting such wastes from landfills). However, Christmas trees are not considered landscape waste, they are considered some kind of temporary ornament."

If people don't recycle them, they go to the landfill," she said.

The sites will be open from Dec. 26-Jan. 18.

Sites include:

- Collinsville Township highway garage, 1407 N. Bluff Road.
- Collinsville Public Works garage, Illinois 159.
- Collinsville Sports Complex, Complex Drive (gravel parking lot).
- Chouteau Township highway garage, 906 Thorngate Drive.
- Granite City Parks District, 29th Street (turn around).

McCleary at 692-7040, extension 4668.



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### Holiday wishes

Santa Claus takes a holiday wish list from a Pontoon Beach youngster during Santa Claus's Breakfast with Santa celebration Saturday morning at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall. Santa will be making his annual rounds a week from today.

### Roberts athletic club handing out fruit, candy

The Joe Willie Roberts Youth Athletic Club will give out Christmas candy and fruit bags on a first-come, first-served basis from noon until 3 p.m. Saturday at Bibleway Deliverance Center, 1249 Klein St., Venice.

Club officials wish all area residents a happy holiday season.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## OBITUARIES

## Rev. Ralph Craycraft

REV. RALPH K. CRAYCRAFT SR., 82, of Pontoon Beach, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998, at his residence. Rev. Craycraft was born July 14, 1916, in Venice. He was a retired teacher and pastor for Stallings School and Pontoon Baptist Church and was a member of Pontoon Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita (Hill) Craycraft; two sons, Ralph Craycraft Jr., of Portland, Ore., and Thomas Craycraft of El Paso, Texas; one brother, Shad Craycraft of Granite City; one sister, Mildred Lewis of Granite City; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in his parents, Martin and Hattie (Dunn) Craycraft; four sisters and six brothers.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 17, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Edwin Hein

EDWIN "ZED" B. HEIN, 63, of Decatur, formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in

## Belleville.

Mr. Hein was born July 1, 1935, in Sparta. He was retired from Illinois Power and was a member of Nameeki United Methodist Church, Granite City Lodge 977 and the Masonic Lodge.



Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo (Pyatt) Hein; his mother, Ruth (Boyd) Hein of Sparta; one son, Steve Hein of Granite City; two daughters, Connie Bruch of Glen Carbon and J. Beth Wallace of Decatur; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Hein.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 17, at Nameeki United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jamie Hahn officiating.

Graveside services will be noon today, Thursday, Dec. 17, at Calendonia Cemetery in Sparta.

Memorials may be made to Nameeki United Methodist Church, Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Humane Society of Madison County.

## Bertha Johnsson

BERTHA M. (PUTMAN) JOHNSSON, 69, of Sumnerfield, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998, at Arveston County Side Manor.

Mrs. Johnsson was born May 1, 1929, in Mt. Carmel. She was a homemaker and had worked as a waitress. Mrs. Johnsson was a member of New Life Christian Center in Trenton.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Johnsson; six daughters, Barbara Hogue of Granite City, Patricia Welton of Marion, Kathy Wheelus of Georgia, Betty Kite of St. Louis, Shirley Kite of Carleville and Sharon Landford of St. Jacob; four sons, Louis Kite of Troy, Homer Kite of Collinsville, James Kite of Illinois and Michael Kite of Festus, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Ann (Grady) Putman; two sons, Francis Kite and Homer Kite; and one brother, John Putman.

Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Meyer Funeral Home in Lebanon, with the Rev. Robert Wutler officiating. Burial was in Sumnerfield Cemetery in Sumnerfield.

## Judith Rennaux

Mrs. Rennaux was born Aug. 24, 1939, in Granite City. She had worked as an accountant for Carter Bank in St. Louis and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Courtney Rennaux; two sons,

Michael Huelsmann of Murphysboro and Mark Huelsmann of Granite City; two sisters, Donna Evans and Kay Evans; one brother, Robert Evans; and one grandson, Brett Huelsmann.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Beulah (Miller) Evans.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 17, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fishkeiler officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County or to the masses.

## Martha Simshauser

MARTHA M. (VRENICK) SIMSHAUSER, 94, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon.

She was born July 20, 1904, in Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Simshauser retired from Union Star.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Wilma Simshauser of Ridgecrest, Calif.; one granddaughter, Ann Simshauser of Ventura, Calif.; and one brother, Louis Vrenick of Fredericktown, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alois and Frances (Cholewick) Vrenick; one son, Anthony Simshauser; two brothers, Joseph and James Vrenick; and three sisters, Victoria Kohl, Ann Beasley and Bertha Coy.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 17, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 17, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, with the Rev. Francis officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## FUNERAL SUMMARY

Editor's note: The summary provides a listing of the obituaries that appeared in the previous Wednesday and Sunday Journals.

## Henry Copman

HENRY COPMAN, 91, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Copman's body was donated to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

## Catherine Cornelison

CATHERINE E. (TRITTSCHUM) CORNELISON, 83, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Monday, Dec. 14, at St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ in Granite City. Burial was at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

## Ila Fleig

ILA M. (ESSINGTON) M. FLEIG, 71, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

## Charles Fulkerson

CHARLES R. FULKERSON, 69, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, at Colonial Care Nursing Home in Granite City.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 14, at Werner Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Gary Harris Sr.

GARY L. HARRIS SR., 60, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at his residence.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 14, at Thomas Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

## Freda Johnson-Hoefel

FREDA I. (HARVEL) JOHNSON-HOEFL, 76, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at her residence.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 14, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

## Louis Kosh

LOUIS J. KOSH, 95, of Mt. Angel, Ore., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1998, at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel, Ore.

Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Raymond Lano

RAYMOND H. LANO, 71, of Pontoon Beach, died at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

A memorial service will be held a later date.

## Stanley Macios

STANLEY W. MACIOS, 86, of Bucyrus, Mo., died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at Cabool Nursing Home in Cabool, Mo.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Earl Marti

EARL J. MARTI, 83, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at St. Anthony's Medical Center in Alton.

Services were Monday, Dec. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

## Sandra Pashea

SANDRA M. PASHEA, 36, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at her residence.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

## Leola Richardson

LEOLA M. RICHARDSON, 84, of Glen Carbon, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at Eden Village Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Werner Chapel in Granite City. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Alberta Taylor

ALBERTA A. TAYLOR, 74, of Madison, formerly of Venice, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998, at Saint Louis University Hospital.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law

When a person is discharged from his or her place of employment, is the terminated worker entitled to unemployment benefits? The answer to this question depends upon the reason for the employee's discharge. Illinois law provides that if a worker is discharged for misconduct, the terminated employee will not be eligible for unemployment benefits.

In one recent case, the plaintiff had been employed as a homemaker for approximately two years by a homemaker provider. The plaintiff's hours were reduced as a result of an injury to the plaintiff. She went to the office to discuss her reduction in hours with her supervisor. She discussed the situation with one of her supervisors, and as she turned to leave she stopped in front of the other supervisor and said, "You can kiss my gits." She was asked to sign an exit report, but instead she left the office.

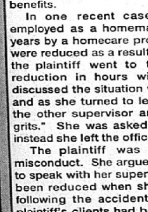
The plaintiff was ultimately discharged for misconduct. She argued that she went to the office to speak with her supervisor because her hours had been reduced when she was placed on light duty following the accident. Furthermore, one of the plaintiff's clients had been transferred to her sister,

who was also a homemaker. The employer, on the other hand, maintained that the plaintiff's statement to her supervisor constituted misconduct connected with her work and that her failure to sign an exit report amounted to insubordination.

Under the Unemployment Insurance Act, misconduct is defined as "the deliberate and willful violation of a reasonable rule or policy of the employing unit, provided that such violation has harmed the employing unit or has been repeated by the individual despite a warning." A claimant may be disqualified on the basis of misconduct.

The Appellate Court noted that while the words "kiss my gits" were not profane, they were insubordinate because they were abusive and violated the standard of behavior an employer has the right to expect from an employee.

Furthermore, that insubordinate conduct was aggravated when the plaintiff refused to sign the exit order. The court held that the plaintiff was properly discharged for misconduct under these circumstances, and was not entitled to unemployment benefits.



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## SOCIETY

# Family Worship Center seniors enjoy buffet dinner

The seniors of the Family Worship Center enjoyed a buffet dinner at Charlie's Restaurant Thursday.

The following enjoyed the dinner and fellowship with one another: Rev. and Mrs. Eddy Brown, pastors of the church; Larry and Monty Duckworth; George and Joyce Tanksley; Fred and Virginia Reed; Emil Klug; Charlotte Smith; Harlan and Mabel Keel; Kenneth and Nola Milton; Joe and Helen Jones; Bert Boone; Roberta Jackson; Ruth Stephens and Janet Wheatley; Marvin and Opal Vickers; and Lydia Boyer. Frank Townsend and Joyce Tanksley won attendance prizes.

The next meeting will be in February.



Maxine Green

The Youth Sunday School Class of Pontoon Baptist Church enjoyed their Christmas party Sunday in the church fellowship hall.

Each member took a covered dish and potluck and chicken from Lanny's was served. Following the ornaments exchange they went into the sanctuary and sang Christmas carols.

Youths attending were Robert Shipley, Lindsey Moore, Emily Falter, Robert Clayborn, Andrea Craig, Melissa Owens, Shelly Keller, Shawn Newman, Grant Falter, Ashlee Schenke, Marshall Bickel and son Joshua and the teacher, Toni Bickel.

The Esther Class of Suburban Baptist Church held a Christmas party Monday, evening in the Town and Country activity room. A turkey dinner

was served and white elephant gifts were exchanged.

Members attending were Pam Marsh, Mae Cavannes, Gergetta Monical, Jean Parks, Dee Smith, Helen Cook, Edith Campbell, Sharon Purkey, Susie Bunker, Helen Lilly, Ruth Messey, Ruth Banker, Delores Bosworth, Gladys Templeman, Frances Wadlow, Demona Holtkamp, Susie Horton, Evelyn Mohron, Adele Zahm, Marie Daigler and three guests.

The Saturn Car Club met in November and held an election of officers.

Results were President, Don Counts; Vice President, Charles Rinkus; Secretary,

Marilynne Counts; Treasurer, Betty Sullivan; Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Alexander.

Also appointed for 1999 were made for Entertainment Chairman, Charles Rinkus; Historian, Jamie Alexander; Chaplain, Bernard Flotte; Sergeant at Arms, Dick Luetzinger; and Newsletter Editor, Don Counts.

Barb Jones was selected as Member of the Month. She has been a charitable chairman of the past year and has done a wonderful job.

The club will be helping people in need for Christmas. Call Lydia Bernabe at 524-5400 if you have a name to submit.

The next meeting will be Jan. 18 at Saturn of North County. New members are still welcome and you don't have to own a Saturn to join.

The Pontoon Beach Church Children's Christmas Program will be presented at 5:30 p.m., with a Christmas potluck afterwards.

Each family is take a covered dish.

Maxine Green covers the social scene for the Granite City Press-Record. If you have an item you would like to see in her column, please contact her at 931-6256.

## SCHOOL MENUS

### Dec. 21-25 Granite City Public Schools

MONDAY, Dec. 21 — Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, orange wedges, milk; Lunch: pizza, whole kernel corn, sliced peaches, milk.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22 — Breakfast:

Breakfast pizza, pear halves, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun with sliced pickles, baked beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23 — No School, Winter Break Begins

### Madison Public Schools

MONDAY, Dec. 21 — No School, Christmas Vacation Begins.

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MONDAY, Dec. 21 Lunch: Pizza pockets, green beans, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22 — No Lunch served.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23 — No School, Christmas Vacation begins.

### Holy Family

MONDAY, Dec. 21 — Lunch: Pork patty on bun, hash rounds, salad, peach cups, milk.

TUESDAY, Dec. 22 — No Lunch, Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23 — No School, Christmas Vacation Begins.

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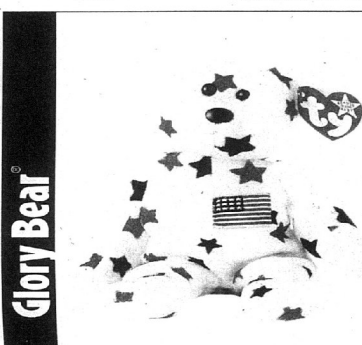
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# SPORTS

## Warriors fall to Jerseyville

### Granite City struggles in face of pressure from Panthers

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

It was like Clark Kent coming up against the Bizarro Superman on Monday night. The Granite City girls basketball team was looking in the mirror when it hosted Jerseyville in a non-conference game.

The powder-blue Panthers gave the Warriors a bit of their own medicine by using speed, quick hands and aggressive defense to stop the Warriors 61-51.

"Their press was just like the one we run," Warriors guard Erika Todd said. "We needed to work against our junior varsity a little harder."

"They were quick and very aggressive," said Granite City's Jan Shanafelt. "That's the difference between us playing our junior varsity and playing them. They were more aggressive and all over the ball. It's probably better for us that we played them this early in the season because they are in our sectionals."

Todd and Shanafelt, Granite City's primary ball-handlers, were victimized by the Panthers.

"We saw that press and we knew that it was coming," Shanafelt said. "We had talked about how their press was just like ours, but for some reason we just flipped out. That first quarter, we were dumping the ball in really well to Debra (Aaron). That second quarter, we couldn't get it to her. We couldn't even get it across half-court."

"The name of the game was turnovers tonight," Warriors coach John Moad said. "Turnovers killed us. We had over 20, and we can't do that and expect to win against anybody. We got back in the game a couple of times and then we just turned the ball over and gave them easy ones. We got down to 42-10 at one time and we turned the ball over three straight times and they got it back up to 48-40 and we never recovered from that."

"Erika and Jan have been doing a good job running the team, but tonight we had a lot of turnovers. It's not only their fault. They have to take some of the responsibility and make better decisions, but we can't just abandon them down there either. I think a lot of the time, we just stand around trying to break the press instead of getting the ball, ball-faking and going, and that hurts us. When you stand around watching against a team like this, you see where it got us."

"We turned the ball over way too many times tonight, and that's uncharacteristic of this team. We've been handling the pressure pretty well and tonight we didn't."

Todd led the Warriors with 12 points, four assists and seven steals. Shanafelt scored nine. Aaron had 9 points and 10 rebounds. Wallace added 11 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Granite City led 14-13 after the first quarter but trailed 28-20 at the half.

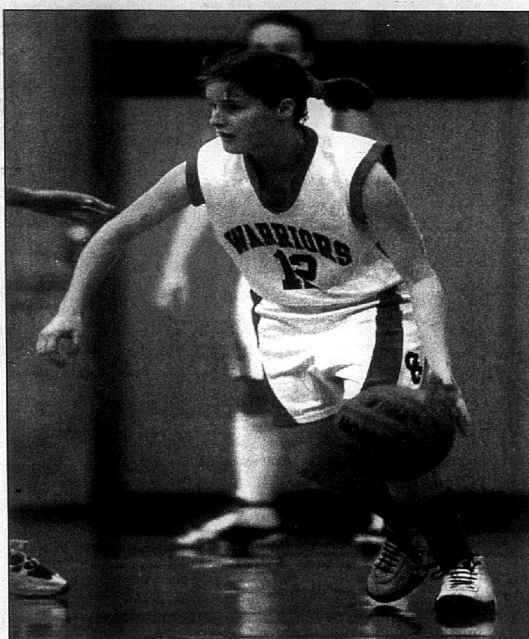
"We played very hard in the first half, and then in the third quarter we got it to 42-40, everyone was up, but the ballhandling was real bad," Todd said. "We had a lot of turnovers and wild passes. We just really panicked. Our passes were really wild and we couldn't come back. But it's all right. We'll get them next year."

"They had a good team. They ran until the end and they pressured us a lot and made us uncomfortable."

The turnovers weren't the only story. Debra Aaron and Jessica Wallace were kept under wraps mostly because of the Panthers press, forcing the ballhandlers to shoot or get off the spot.

"We got the ball inside to Debra when we wanted to," Moad said.

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TIM STEPHENSON/Press-Record  
Granite City senior guard Jan Shanafelt scored nine points Monday night in the Warriors' loss to Jerseyville.

## Warriors add two more wins to streak

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

#### PREP WRESTLING

The Granite City wrestling team picked up two more victories Saturday in Champaign, running its record to 10-0.

The Warriors clobbered Champaign Centennial 62-10 and then turned the Springfield Lanphier Lions 66-9.

The Warriors, who have won more than 100 consecutive regular season matches, are getting ready for some

of the more serious challenges of the season.

"We have a big Southwestern Conference match (against Belleville West tonight) and we're starting to get into the tournament time of the year," said Granite City coach Mike Garland. "So this is one of our most emotional weeks of the year."

The Springfield Tournament, set for this Saturday, traditionally features some of the best teams in the state. This year, the field includes several state-ranked teams.

"To me, it's the fun part of the season," Warriors coach John Moad said. "Turnovers killed us. We had over 20, and we can't do that and expect to win against anybody. We got back in the game a couple of times and then we just turned the ball over and gave them easy ones. We got down to 42-10 at one time and we turned the ball over three straight times and they got it back up to 48-40 and we never recovered from that."

beat a tough kid, but can you beat three in a row, four in a row? All those questions will be answered by Saturday evening.

"The later it is in the year, the farther north we go and the better the competition. But this will be one of the best Springfield Tournaments I've seen in years. Not that it hasn't been good, it's been a good tournament — but this is going to be a

(See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

## Betz resigns from Belleville West post

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

#### PREP FOOTBALL

Belleville West football coach Larry Betz will not get to see his "five-year plan" come to fruition.

District 201 school board members accepted Betz's resignation Monday evening. Betz recently handed in his resignation after he was asked to step down by school administrators.

He will remain as the Maroons varsity girls basketball coach.

The Belleville West football team

finished 0-9 in 1998, which was Betz's third full season as head coach. "I wasn't happy with the progress we were making at the varsity level," Betz said. "I was happy with the progress overall."

Betz became the interim head coach in September of 1995, replacing Dick Hood, who was injured during an accident at a practice.

At the time, Betz, who was 5-14 in

two seasons at Cahokia in 1972-73, said he had a five-year plan to turn the Maroons into a winning team. The Maroons finished 2-7 in 1996 and 3-6 in 1997.

"My goal was to get the numbers up and get the program turned into a perennial winner," Betz said. "From all indications, we were moving in that direction, except for the 0-9 record. Our numbers are up 48 percent."

"I told them if we were going to do this right, we had to start from the

bottom — start with the underclassmen and work our way up. If I didn't turn it around in five years, I would have gladly stepped down."

This fall, the Belleville West freshmen were 8-1 while the sophomore team finished 5-4.

"I have a kid in the program," said Betz, whose son Austin (a sophomore) was a backup quarterback this fall. "I wanted (the program) right-"

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## Granite City puts together modest two-game win streak

### Warriors go for third straight tonight at home

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

#### CLUB ICE HOCKEY

The Granite City Warriors hockey club has posted two consecutive victories in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

Adding to the team's recent good fortune is better health. Greg Sarich returned to the lineup last Saturday for a 3-1 victory against Florissant (Mo.). McCluer North. So did Ryan Burns, who sat out a game after being penalized in the Warriors' previous game, a victory against Hazelwood (Mo.) East.

"It helps," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "We need more guys in the lineup. The team effort has got to be there. This team has got to play together, everybody has to do his part in order for us to be successful. We don't have a lot of superstars."

"Yeah, you see Greg (Pritchard) and Bobby (Scott) and Ty (Suhre) doing a lot of things, but this is a rounded team. If everybody doesn't do their part, we are hurt. We need all the bodies we can get on the bench, because some guys aren't doing their job and they have to take a seat."

Suhre scored all three goals against McCluer North. Linnea Scott and Pritchard (who joined the team last week) have been solid in Granite City's modest win streak.

The Warriors have had strong efforts from the goaltenders in recent games. After watching Brian Reese perform well at McCluer, Wojciechowski had the start last Saturday.

"Matt hasn't played in a couple of games," Yurkovich said. "I thought, at times, he looked like he wasn't seeing the puck real well. I don't know what is going on with that. He kicked the rebounds out real well, pushed all his rebounds out to the corner, which is really good. He made a couple of good saves."

"The defense played fairly well tonight. I was happy to see that. We just couldn't generate the offense. When we were the puck back to the point at times we are getting some shots off, but we need to get them down."

The Warriors (3-4-1) face St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt North 7 p.m. tonight at home.



TIM STEPHENSON/Press-Record  
Mike Angle controls the puck for the Granite City Warriors in a recent Mid-States Club Hockey Association game.

## Southwestern Conference race looks competitive

If the early-season results mean anything, the Southwestern Conference boys basketball campaign could go down as one of the more competitive seasons in history.

Coming into the season, East St. Louis and Edwardsville were looked at as the teams to beat. However, both already have suffered losses in conference play. And it's not the usual teams you would expect that have knocked off the Flyers and Tigers. Belleville West surprised state-ranked East St. Louis and Granite City pumped off Edwardsville. The two surprise teams met last Saturday, and Granite City came away with an easy 63-46 victory against the Maroons.

It may be early to crown upstart Granite City the SWC champion, as the Warriors sit atop the league standings with a 2-0 record. However, John VanBuskirk's club has made things interesting in the early going. Belleville East, Alton and Collinsville also are in the SWC mix and figure to pull out some surprises along the way. Granite City's only loss to date in seven games was against Alton in the Redbirds' Tip-Off Classic.

The league may take shape some more this week. On Friday, Granite City plays at Belleville East. Alton hosts Belleville West, and East St. Louis hosts Edwardsville. On Saturday, Belleville East plays at Belleville West.

Then, the SWC teams will scatter to play in the holiday tournaments. Belleville East, East St. Louis, Granite City and Collinsville all are in the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic; Alton and West play at Centralia; and Edwardsville goes to Charleston.

The holiday tournament results will give SWC teams an idea of how strong the league is this season. Judging by the early results, it should be very competitive. Don't be surprised if this season's champion (co-champions?) winds up with three losses.

For those disappointed in Hyattsville (Md.) DeMatha High's play in the Shootout last Thursday at the Kiel Center, take note that the nation's No. 1 team completely dominated Chicago King 84-66 count in the Hoops in the Loop Preview at Loyola's Gentile Center last Saturday night.

DeMatha struggled in St. Louis before scoring an eight-point victory against Richmond Heights (Mo.) CBC. The next night, CBC was beaten by long-time rival St. Louis University High.

Watching DeMatha on cable and talking to those who saw the game in person at the Shootout, Morgan Wooten's team was not that impressive. Perhaps, DeMatha was saving its best for Chicago King.

Against King, DeMatha's two highly recruited stars — Joe Fontaine and Keith Bogans — combined for 56 points. Forte, who is headed to the University of North Carolina, had 36 points while shooting 16 of 22. Bogans, who is going to the University of Kentucky, had 20 points and 11 rebounds.

After the game, Wooten, who has been at DeMatha for 43 years, said he has never had two players on the same team better than Forte and Bogans. And that includes the combination of Adrian Dantley and Kenny Carr.

The Virtual Soccer Magazine, a publication that promotes soccer in the Chicago area, is proposing that the Illinois High School Association change its format for the boys state tournament.

First of all, the publication suggests that the state go to four or five classes, noting that football has six classes. It has been just two years that the state has had two classes in soccer.

Also suggested: The quarterfinals for each class would be played on a Tuesday and a Wednesday at four different sites, not only to give the players more rest for the semifinals but also to boost attendance. The semifinals would then be played on a Friday, with the championship match scheduled for Saturday afternoon. The Saturday afternoon scheduling would assure more comfort for the players and the fans for the November game, rather than sitting in the cold on a Saturday night.

Leading up to the final field of

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# SPORTS

## •Betz

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The winless season was the first in Betz's career as a coach. The Maroons were not helped much by the schedule — six of the nine teams the Maroons faced made the playoffs.

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eight teams would be the super-sectional round, which the publication suggests be played on a Saturday, aptly called "Super-Saturday."

Sectional finals would be scheduled on a Wednesday and Thursday, and the sectional semifinals as doubleheaders on

sports," said Betz, who is the only girls basketball coach West has had and also coached girls volleyball there. "When you are undefeated, you are lucky. You have no injuries and a lot of breaks go your way. This was my first winless season and just the opposite happens. You don't get the breaks and you are not lucky."

a Monday or Tuesday.

The publication concludes by saying, "The benefits of a revised schedule would allow greater crowds, more gate receipts, a better level of officiating, and a staggering improvement until more classes of competition are approved by the IHSA."

## •Warriors

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great tournament. Our holiday tournament is going to be a great tournament, too. This is the best schedule that I've ever had as far as who we wrestle. Out of the top 25 teams in the state, we probably wrestle over a dozen of them, maybe 15 of them at one time or another.

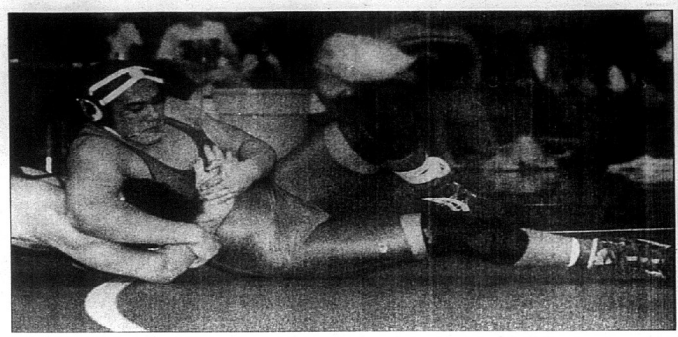
"Actually I don't know which is going to be the better tournament, Springfield or (Granite) holiday. They are both going to be good. There are so many ranked guys down in this half of the state. There haven't been this many since the Christoff brothers wrestled 10 or 15 years ago. There are a bunch and there are going to be a lot of ranked guys in this tournament, so we'll see. It can only help us. That's all you can ask for. If you are wrestling these guys you can only get better, but it's time for some of these kids to start beating them."

The Warriors have been stepping up the workouts to prepare for the exhaustive tournaments.

"We had probably our best workout (Monday) night," Garland said. "If somebody is in better shape than us, then it's my fault. I'm not going to let that be a factor in our kids getting beat."

"Our goal is totally going after people. We are going to wear you down with our conditioning and then we are going to wear you down with our technique, hopefully. If we get beat, it's not going to be because we are out of shape or because we are not going after people."

"When you get things that are that physical, you have a lot of bumps and bruises. Anybody can wrestle healthy. I'll find out who can wrestle with little injuries and things like that. Can you wrestle with a black eye or a cut nose or a twisted ankle? Those are the guys that generally become champions, the guys that can overcome these adversities and all these hardships. They find a way, somehow or other, to win — no excuses, no reasons. The bottom line is that when it's all over, their name is in the championship bracket, and that's what it is all about."



Granite City's George Kirgan is 10-0 with 10 first takedowns so far this season.

The tournaments will give Garland an idea where his team stands in its quest to reach the state tournament.

"There still are some areas that we need to improve on," Garland said. "There are some guys that are wrestling pretty well."

"George Kirgan is wrestling better than anybody. He's 10-0 with 10 pins and 10 first takedowns, and that's as good as it gets. That's the first takedown of the match. Most of the time, against most of the guys, if you get that you are going to win the match. He is dominating right out of the shoot."

"Brooks Narvaez is doing well; he's 10-0. We've got quite a few undefeated guys. We've got Steven Peach, Jake Trtanj, Ryan Worthen, Justin Hale."

In a recent paper, it was reported that Brooks Narvaez lost to Bloomington's Ramin Sadehian 16-15 on Dec. 5. Narvaez actually won a 15-4 major decision.

Granite City 62, Champaign Centennial 10 (Dec. 11)

103 pounds — Steve Peach (GC) def. Zack Chapin (CC), by fall, 3:07.

112 — Jake Trtanj (GC) def. Paul Lievano (CC), by technical fall.

119 — Casey Hayasaki (CC) def. Tom Tedesco (GC), 10-0.

125 — Ben Lofink (GC) def. Josh Bolando (CC), by fall, 1:07.

130 — Ben Lofink (GC) def. Sean Assali (CC), by fall, 1:27.

135 — Dennis Davis (GC) wins by forfeit.

140 — Ryan Worthen (GC) def. Tim Ealy (CC), by fall, 3:39.

145 — Tony Booth (CC) def. Jim Treake (GC), 6-4.

152 — Brooks Narvaez (GC) def. Brady Reynolds (CC), 10-5.

160 — Justin Hale (GC) def. Dan Smith (CC), 12-3.

171 — George Kirgan (GC) def. Scott Teutscher (CC), by fall, 2:21.

189 — Dan Hornbuckle (CC) def. Bob Grammer (GC), 13-10.

215 — Kevin Venne (GC) def.

Correy Burton (CC), by fall, 2:12.  
275 — Craig Mooshegian (GC) def. David Custer (CC), by fall, 3:24.

Granite City 66, Springfield Lanphier 9 (Dec. 11)

103 pounds — Billy Reed (GC) won by forfeit.

112 — Jake Trtanj (GC) def. Chris Armstrong (SL), by fall, 3:18.

119 — Tom Tedesco (GC) won by forfeit.

125 — Brad Wyatt (GC) won by forfeit.

130 — Ben Lofink (GC) def. Robert Morris (SL), 16-3.

135 — Brett Guimard (SL) def. Dennis Davis (GC), 7-3.

140 — Jim Treake (GC) won by forfeit.

145 — Brett Guimard (SL) def. Willie Clark (GC), 6-4.

152 — Brooks Narvaez (GC) def. Joe Stevens (SL), 20-8.

160 — Matt Levart (GC) def. Larry Franklin (SL), by fall, 3:39.

171 — George Kirgan (GC) def. Ryan Moore (SL), by fall, 3:17.

189 — Josh Wright (GC) def. Brian Sherwood (SL), by fall, 2:38.

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# Holiday Gift & Dining Guide

## Old-time toys and games are still popular New-style toys still can't compete with all-time classic favorites

By Lea C. Braff  
Correspondent

Toy retailers are humming "Everything Old is New Again" as they look over sales this Christmas season.

With only a few exceptions, tried-and-true toys are selling the best.

One toy already stands out from the crowd — "Sing 'N Snore Ernie" from Tyco.

"The doll reclines and just like the name says, he sings or he snores," said Tina Schneider, manager of Marketing Communications for Venture Stores Inc.

Debbie Aubuchon, Hard Line manager for the Rock Road K mart, agreed.

"The standout toy this year is Sing 'N Snore Ernie of Sesame Street. We're almost sold out already," she said.

Don't worry about Ernie being lonely.

"Tickle Me Elmo is back, plus there are other characters which have been made into those kinds of figures — the big plush Sesame Street dolls," said Schneider. The dolls also talk.

Other dolls are selling well, too.

"There's a soft-bodied talk-

ing Arthur doll from the "Arthur" (children's book series), who's doing well," Schneider said. "Anything Barbie is hot — Barbie dolls and accessories."

New models introduced by Mattel include Cool Shoppin' Barbie and Dentist Barbie.

On the boys' side, Aubuchon noted that "Mega-Rig Construction Set from Hot Wheels has done real well this year."

The Mega-Rig is "...under \$30. In this store, it's all the big expensive toys which have already gone," said Aubuchon,

who warned, "if people wait until December, they won't be able to get what they want."

What kids want is largely fed by advertising, especially television advertising, the retailers agree. That might explain the strong showing of virtual reality pets like Tomagochis or Gigapets, and of stuffed-animal series, like Beanie Babies or Pebble Pets.

Mike Reevey, toy department manager of the St. Ann Wal-Mart, reports that virtual pets are Wal-Mart's best-selling class of toys.

Collectors as well as children choose licensed category

action figures, available this year from the movies "Star Wars," "Batman" and "Jurassic Park."

Finally, "games are always popular," Schneider said. "The old favorites are strong, like Legos."

Everyone agrees that games are enjoying a surprising surge of popularity this year. Old standbys like Monopoly and Scrabble are moving briskly at Venture and Kmart.

In addition, Amy Kinsey, independent distributor of Discovery Toys, said "I've been selling a lot of self-teaching chess sets, which surprised

me. Chess seems to be coming back with the kids and even with the adults, because (the set) is self-teaching. Pocket checkers and pocket chess, they're great for travel. A couple of new games (from Discovery Toys), promote family togetherness."

Like Reevey, Kinsey's also surprised by the amount of infant-play toys she's sold.

All four toy sellers agree that in order to find the best selection, buyers need to shop early.

## Men enjoying shopping more and more today

As a group, men may not be shop-a-holics, but they do seem to like heading to the stores more and more these days — at least when it comes to shopping for the women in their lives.

According to the Cotton Incorporated Lifestyle Monitor, nearly 55 percent of men surveyed said they enjoy shopping for their wives, up from 47 percent last year.

Also, 51 percent of men said they enjoy shopping for another person — a friend, girlfriend, aunt, cousin or co-worker — compared with 48 percent in 1996.

In fact, special occasions, such as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas when men hit the stores en masse, are known as "Shopping Man Alert Times," according to one store manager.

"Men are sometimes embarrassed or shy," said a "Victoria's Secret" salesperson. "We have done a good job at making them more comfortable here. If a store can do that, it will attract the male customer."

And what about men who say they "like to" shop for their wives as opposed to men who say they "have to"?

If given \$500, the men who like to shop for their wives said they'd spend nearly \$227 of it on clothing, while the men who said they have to shop for

their wives would buy only \$159 worth of apparel.

One out of five men in the pre-shopping group said clothing is the No. 1 item to buy.

Only 12 percent of the "have to" shop men ranked clothing as their top choice.

That's why many retailers are pushing to make their

stores more "male friendly," starting with the salespeople on the floor — especially in departments aimed at women's items.

Still, what's a man to buy? Not everyone can afford cashmere and diamonds. "There are lots of different things men can buy that show they're tak-

ing care in selecting the right item," says Molly Vanden Bosch, manager of fashion marketing at Cotton Incorporated.

Floral printed velvet scarves, classic white cotton button down shirts, and richly colored plush terry cloth bathrobes are a few of the classics that show he has put a lot of thought into the gift."

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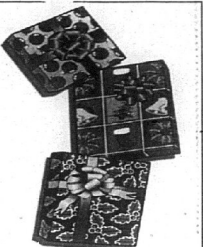
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# Holiday Gift & Dining Guide



## Professional car cleaning may be the answer Belleville's Ziebart specializes in detailing even the dirtiest auto

By Cheryl Moody  
Staff writer

If you're clueless about what to buy that special someone for Christmas, having their car professionally cleaned might just be the answer.

Ziebart Tidy Car at 314 N. Illinois in Belleville offers gift certificates for interior and

exterior car details. Or you can surprise someone by personally taking their car for cleaning and returning it to them looking brand spanking new.

"A detail would make a nice present for the lady who has kids and doesn't have the time to clean the car or van," said Kevin Griebel, shop manager.

Griebel said that during an exterior detail, cars are high pressure washed. The outside of the car is de-bugged, de-tarred and then hand waxed.

After the wax is applied, a coat of polynar is applied. Griebel said the polynar bonds with the wax and clear-coat to seal the paint. The polynar protects the paint

from sun-rays that bleach and dull the paint.

An exterior detail includes cleaning and dressing wheels and tires. This makes the tires shiny black and brightens letters on white walls.

Car chrome is shined and all windows and mirrors are cleaned. An interior detail includes using a cleaner condi-

tioner on leather seats, keeping them soft and supple and making them less likely to crack.

Fabric interior is cyclone scrubbed with an electric scrub brush and then a fabric protector is applied.

Carpet is vacuumed and cleaned and stubborn stains are steam cleaned.

The interior dash is cleaned and a vinyl dressing is applied to make the dash moist and shiny.

Other steps are taken to make the vehicle spotless, like cleaning out the ash trays and cleaning the vents.

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## Plan ahead for holiday purchases

The holiday season is approaching, and there never seems to be enough money for the things you want to buy. Every year you try to figure out how to pay for your purchases.

The key to overcoming the holiday blues is to plan ahead and prepare for the expenses that come with the holiday season.

Jon Dunn, president of the American Collectors Association (ACA), said that people should think about their spending habits before the holidays. "By planning ahead and preparing for holiday expenses,

you can avoid serious payment problems in the future," he said.

ACA offers some ideas to start planning ahead.

\* Anticipate your expenses. Think about where you will spend your money. Gifts, parties, entertainment and holiday dinners are all expenses that you could have in the upcoming season.

Create a budget. Decide how much money is available and what you can afford to spend this year. Make a list of presents, engagements, and other expenses you may have, so you know exactly what to expect. Remember that wrapping paper, cards and decorations are often big expenses you will need to include. Also, reserve some money for unexpected costs that may arise.

\* Start a savings plan. Put some money away every

month leading-up to the holidays. Often it is beneficial to start a separate savings account just for holiday expenses. Also, your employer may offer special holiday accounts in which some of your paycheck is withheld until the end of the year.

\* Start your shopping early. Buy presents a little at a time in preparation for the holidays. If an item on sale would make a good gift, buy it. Prices often increase around the holiday

season, and it is less expensive to purchase items before the holiday rush. Also, merchandise is often cleared out soon after the holidays, when stores want to make room for new products.

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What's hot, what's not this year

Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are in. Inflated sports egos are out. Teletubbies are in. Godzilla is in. Dinosaur mania is out. Bell bottoms are out. Cargo pants are in. Convenience is in. Service is in. Holiday hassle is out.

According to the regional mall company General Growth Properties, the categories and items shown to be the hottest this holiday season are:

\* Toys — Teletubbies, Antz, Beanie Babies, Classic Godzilla, Small Soldiers, virtual pets, Barbie, Tonka Trucks, remote control cars, and laser games.

\* Jewelry — diamonds; alexandrites; emeralds; costume jewelry; sterling silver rings, arm cuffs, and anklets.

\* Sports — Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire and Michael Jordan apparel and collectibles. Handmade golf clubs and vintage, hickory shafted putters. Sports apparel from Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Diadora, Lotto, and Umbro.

\* Clothing — Cashmere cardigans with fur collars for women. Rugged Irish sweaters for men. Wrap coats for women. Retro suede elbow-patched coats for men. For children and teens, Tommy Hilfiger still is number one.

\* Movies — theater passes paired with mall food court gift certificates.

\* Videos — Titanic, Godzilla, As Good As It Gets, Good Will Hunting, Dr. Doolittle, Lethal Weapon 4.

\* Music — Bathhouse Beauty by Betty Midler, The Misadventure of Lauryn Hill, Can-I-Bus by Canibus, Backstreet Boys, "N Sync, and the soundtrack Back to the Titanic.

\* Bath and body — natural soaps, aromatherapy products, fragrance and dye-free items, and herbal tea gift sets.

\* Experiences and indulgences — manicures, pedicures, mall and store gift certificates, make-your-own-candle kits, and do-it-yourself bead kits.

\* Books — The Jewish Writer by Jill Krentz, Miss Spider's ABC by David Kirk, The Farming of Bones by Edwidge Danticat, Rainbow Six by Tom Clancy, and Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus by John Gray.

\* Cigars — accessories; humidors, and sampling boxes with silver cigar cutters.

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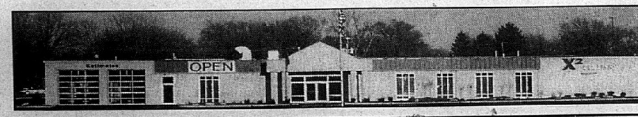
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## BIRTHS

**Kristen Wagner**  
LISA AND CHRIS WAGNER of Granite City have announced the birth of their sixth child, a daughter. Kristen Alexander Wagner was born Aug. 31, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and joins Alexis, age 11; Christopher, age 8; Chris, age 7; Geneva, age 5; and Emmanuel, age 3. Geneva Croman is her maternal grandparent.

**Lakhyla Haynes**  
LAKHILA HAYNES of Venice has announced the birth of her first child, a daughter. Lakhyla Lybese Haynes was born Sept. 31, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. Bonita Haynes and Kevin Brown, both of Madison, are her maternal grandparents.

**Skylar Dippel**  
SHANNON BIXLER AND BRENT DIPPSEL of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Skylar Cheyenne Dippel was born Oct. 19, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Dan and Inez Bixler of Granite City are her maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are Bob and Jenny Dippel of Granite City.

**Constance Arnold**  
BENJAMIN AND MARIANNE ARNOLD of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter. Constance Ashley Nicole Arnold was born Oct. 20, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins Cassandra Stoops, age 10, and Jessica Arnold, age 19 months. Gale and Shirley Stoops of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and the late Connie Stoops are her maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are George Arnold and Marian Arnold, both of Granite City.

**Logan Mazzarelli**  
KATHY CARROLL AND TONY MAZZARELLI of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Logan Anthony Mazzarelli was born Oct. 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins Shania Carroll, age 17 months. Matt and Elinda Barrios of Granite City of Granite City are his maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are Rhonda Fitzhugh of Granite City.

**Dylan DeShon**  
JOE AND ANN DESHON of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Dylan Matthew DeShon was born Oct. 28, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins Cortin, age 7. Gloria Heintz of Granite City and the late Edward Heintz are his maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are Wallace DeShon of Granite City and the late Wilma DeShon.

## Austin Dima

**PAMELA KRIPCO AND ANTONIO DIMA JR.** of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Austin Bailey Dima was born Oct. 28, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Walter and Lila Krupco of Granite City are his maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are Antonio and Annetta Dima of Collinsville.

**Corey Hard**  
JENNIFER MILLER AND ADAM HARD of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Corey Adam Hard was born

Oct. 30, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces. Herman and Michelle Miller

**Gabrielle Eddleman**  
ROBERT AND KIMBERLY EDDLEMAN of Granite City have announced the birth of

their first child, a daughter. Gabrielle Renee Eddleman was born Nov. 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.



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## ENGAGEMENT



Jonathan Metcalf and Beth Peery

## Peery-Metcalf

Beth Evelyn Peery, the daughter of Martha Burris of Granite City and Dale Peery of Florissant, Mo., and Jonathan Gerald Metcalf, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Metcalf of Glen Carbon, have announced their engagement.

Peery is a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School. She is a computer specialist in St. Louis County.

Metcalf is a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1996 graduate of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. He is an Electrical Engineer in St. Louis County.

They are planning a May 1999 wedding.

## WEDDING



Suzanne and Timothy Heuer Jr.

## Courtney-Heuer

Suzanne Courtney and Timothy Heuer Jr. were married May 14, 1998, at Word of Life Tabernacle in Granite City by the Rev. Harry Chronister.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Diane Kelly of Granite City and Dennis Courtney of Missouri. She attended Granite City Senior High School and is a homemaker.

The groom is the son of Vanessa Heuer of Granite City and Timothy D. Heuer Sr. of Belleville. He attended Granite City Senior High School and is employed by Kolb Construction as a pipelayer.

Cassandra Easler of Granite City attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristy Heuer, sister of the groom; Jennifer Dillard, cousin of the bride; Meredith Ebling, friend of the couple; and Ann Bayes, aunt of the groom.

Keith Ishum of Granite City attended his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Jamie Hollinshead, cousin of the groom; Patrick Heuer, cousin of the groom; Shawn Holland, friend of the couple; and Dickey Bayes, uncle of the groom.

Others in the wedding were Nikki Williams, flower girl; Jay Mason, ringbearer; ushers were Tim Woodrome and Mike Clark, both of Granite City.

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**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH** Adventure Club, an after-school activity for grades 4-6, meets 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 21st and St. For more information, call 452-7273.

### Food/Nutrition

**MEALS OF LOVE**, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association. Free meals to anyone in need. Meets 4:30 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Second Baptist Church, 21st and Illinois streets, Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

**POLISH PIEROGI SALE**, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 930 Reynolds, Madison. On sale 9 a.m. to noon first Saturday of each month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kielbasa, sausage and meat, plum pudding and taco. Carrots only. \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Also Chruski and rosolles. Order ahead by calling 875-5860, 875-3696, or 851-3307.

**RESCUE MISSION food pantry** is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at 1336 Fourth St., Madison. Samuel Turner is the pastor. Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

**GRANITE CITY FOUR SQUARE CHURCH** offers hot meals and free of charge the last Monday of each month to those in need or those who just want a warm meal. Talk to at 12th Street and Edwardsville Road, Granite City. Open to all.

public. For information or a ride, call 451-9638.

### Health/Exercise

**TOPS 2363** meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information, call Bobbie at 452-0273.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS**, 9 a.m. every Thursday. Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards.

**TOPS 2346** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 6 p.m. every Monday. Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave. in Granite City. Call 876-2124.

**TOPS 11 445** meets at 7 p.m. every Monday. Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City. 452-0102. Men and women welcome.

**TOPS 1699** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 877-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

**TOPS 11 2417** meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday. Calvary Lighthouse Church of God, 1205 W. Pontoon. Weight-in at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Ann at 452-6102.

**MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES** offers the following each week at 500 Madison Ave. in Madison: Walk-in pregnancy testing and prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays; family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD screening and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 452-5399 for appointments or more information.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS**, 9 a.m. every Thursday. Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards.

### Organizations

**MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP** meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 676-1360.

**EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 BINGO** 1

p.m. every Sunday at the Nameoki Bingo Center. Also included will be a bingo raffle, 50¢ drawing, free games and other raffles.

**GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN** meets at Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information, call 452-5399 or 451-6814.

**NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN**, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend and get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of each month at Ravelle's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3265 for more information.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month except July. Meet at the United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

**MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA** Life Insurance Society meets at 6 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at Ravelle's Restaurant.

**THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meet at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 331-2098.

**THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 331-2098.

**LYDIA** circle of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

**THE JOLLY QUILTERS** meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

**GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND** rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 1400 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 831-0443.

## SOCIETY

**GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month at Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS** meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Granite City Lodge 1063 on Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557.

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS, BETHEL 43**, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

**GRANITE CITY KIWANIS CLUB** meets at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Shoney's on Nameoki Road.

**TRI CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** meets at 6 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the Foursquare Church Hall, 12th and Edwardsville Road. All residents are welcome.

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO**, 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday, 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

**CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS** meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month for potluck lunch. Meet at Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

**EAGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS OF MADISON** meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB** for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

**GRANITE CITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB** meets at Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall, doors open at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 for the next dance. For information, call 877-1215.

### Support Groups

**THE CHURCH OUTREACH INC.** meets 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night at True Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1641 Third St. in Madison. The CHURCH is an outreach program designed to support its community in the struggle with drug control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 877-TRUE.

**THE COHEARTS** (Commitment of Healing Emotions and Recovery Through Support) Survivors of Suicide Support Team is open for anyone who has lost a friend or loved one due to suicide. The group keeps all information confidential and allows you to express your thoughts and feelings openly. Meetings are at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Behavioral Health Alternatives Inc., 337 E. Ferguson in Wood River. For more information, call 251-4073.

**PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP**, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

**ALANON**, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

**ALANON ADULT CHILDREN** meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Conference Room. Call 463-2429 for more information.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Conference Room. Call 463-2429 for more information.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Thursday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

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**ALANON**, 7 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Day Care room. Call 463-2429.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m. every Saturday and 1:30 and 8 p.m. every Sunday at 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m. every Sunday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Day Care room. Call 463-2429.

**HEREDITARY ATAXIA** (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and

cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 877-5172, for information.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** open meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., on the following days and times: 8 p.m. Sundays in the Kettler Center; 8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Kettler Center; 8 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays in the Kettler Center; 8 p.m. Saturday in the Kettler Center. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline, 398-9409.

**ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP**, 7 p.m. fourth Monday of each month, Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

**OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP**, 2 to 4 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month, Fawcett Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3167.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** (women only), 8 p.m. every Tuesday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m. every Tuesday, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 992-8078.

**ALANON**, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

**THE CIRCLE OF HOPE**, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection, meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 86th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0221.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, path to recovery, 8 p.m. every Tuesday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

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## Alexis Nolan wins several pageant titles

Alexis Nolan recently competed in the National Most Beautiful Kids Pageant. To win this supreme title, she won the highest scores in the 0-3 age groups. She won first place in the following events: beauty, sportswear, western wear, a talent portfolio, composite and born in the USA (modeling event). She also won overall pageant trophy, the pageant, ages 3-9, and overall portfolio, ages 0-20.

Alexis won many wonderful gifts, crowns, and a 5 ft. trophy. Alexis' photo was recently chosen one of the Million Dollar Face winners. This display is based out of New York. She is the daughter of Benny and Rhonda Nolan and the granddaughter of Chester and Keth Nolan. She lives in Belleville via Nolan, all of Granite City.

Alexis Nolan

## Eagles Auxiliary 1126 holds second November meeting

A total of 25 members of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 attended the second meeting of November recently at the Eagles' Aerie 1126 building. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved. A roll call of officers was taken, and Mary Church, Verne Malzinski, and Angie Buehler were unable to attend. Plans were made to hold a joint Eagles Auxiliary and Aerie Christmas party at the Eagles home on Dec. 6. Each member will bring an unwrapped child's gift to enter. These gifts will be donated to the Don Brasco Home in Belleville, which is a temporary residence for children who become homeless. One new application for membership was read. An invitation to attend the District 7 Auxiliary meeting in Wood River was read. The officers will meet at 1:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will be at 2 p.m., with a social hour and luncheon to follow. Barbara Brandt sent a thank-you card for the floral arrangements sent to the family on the recent death of June

Brandt. The flowers were then donated in their honor to the nursing home for them to enjoy. A "No Goose Egg" sticker was received from the Grand Aerie for the month of October and will be applied to the poster in the lobby. Thank-you letters were received for donations to The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Food for the Hungry, Church Food Pantry and parents of special education. Jeanie Riggs of the Pana Auxiliary thanked everyone for supporting her in her state auxiliary office and positions she has held in the past, but sent her regrets that she will not be seeking office this year as she has started her own business and will need to devote her time to that. The visiting chairman reported that get well cards were sent to La Verne Malzinski, who is in Christian Hospital, Foxglove, Vera Johnson, Juanita Blenkins, Lorraine Parkinson, who recently had surgery, and a sympathy card was sent to members Joan Mezo, Brenda Benson and Debbie Miskelly who recently lost

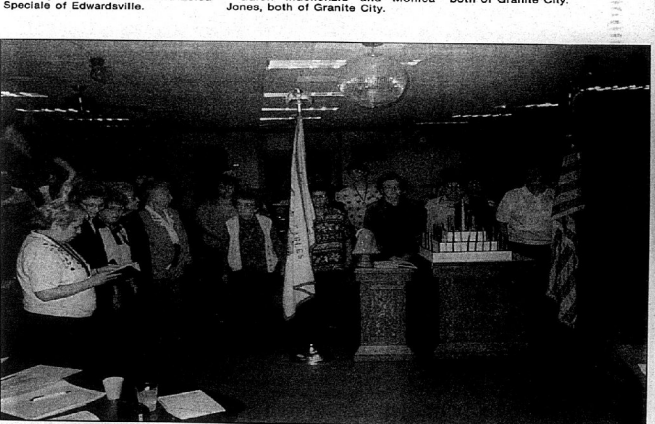
their uncle, Aerie member John Mezo. The Auxiliary Christmas party will be held by the Aerie. It will be held prior to our last meeting of the year. Nina and Pat reported on their recent two of the Catholic Children's Home in Alton. They visited 40 children and 90 other children attend school there. Some PlayStations, a ping-pong table and a small table will be donated to the home at Christmas as well as a gift certificate for each of the 40 children. Suzie Rogers thanked everyone for the floral arrangement sent to her family on the recent death of her stepfather, Gordon Bailey. Susan Allen, Eagle education chair, announced that she will sponsor a Christmas Basket Raffle, which will be given away at our last meeting of the year. Evalene Ederle, bingo chair, gave the bingo report and it was approved. Nina Jackson, hostess, and her committee served refreshments in Mary Church's absence. Mary is still caring for her son out-of-town.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses recently were issued through the office of Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida: Thomas Rothe of Granite City and Susan Boone of Madison. John Schmitz and Natalie Lantz, both of Troy. Michelle DeVault of Staunton and Mindy Adams of East Alton. John Sides and Christine Schefel, both of Troy. Jerry Stanton and Nancy Vetter, both of Collinsville. William Auerbach and Diana Carroll, both of Collinsville. Michael Vanshine and Brenda Crabtree, both of Edwardsville. Jeffrey Voss of Breese and Leisa Speciale of Edwardsville.

Gene Williams and Branda Murphy, both of Collinsville. Scott Williams of Granite City and Lori Collette of Collinsville. Brian Withers and Cathy Stearns, both of Granite City. Harry Cavens and Cynthia Valadez, both of Pontoon Beach. Nicholas Dorene of Collinsville and Kathie Barran of Granite City. Joseph Doshen III and Cynthia Krupp, both of Troy. Royal Garrison and Nancy Rolfe, both of Edwardsville. Dennis Corral Jr. and Kelly Anderson, both of Glen Carbon. Johnny Lane of Glen Carbon and Jennifer Blumner of Collinsville. Galen Mackenzie and Monica Jones, both of Granite City.

David McKnight of Madison and Linda Dancy of Alton. Gregory Morrison of Glen Carbon and Melissa Schoeber of Granite City. Alan Novich and Betty Carrillo, both of Maryville. Terry Ottlinger and Cathie Jackson, both of Granite City. Brett Palmer and Tamara Zych, both of Edwardsville. Bryan Passmore and Amanda Crane, both of Collinsville. Andrew Pingot of Moro and Darlene Blumner of Collinsville. Robert Schoeber of Granite City and Linda Steele of Edwardsville. Terry Singleton and Patricia Hull, both of Granite City.



Members of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 of Granite City celebrate the contribution of past presidents and officers during a ceremony at a recent meeting. The auxiliary is involved in many civic and community affairs to benefit the quality of life for Granite City-area residents.

## Winter cold can affect house plants in many adverse ways

There are many ways that winter's cold can affect and damage plants in our garden and landscape. For plants which are genetically winter hardy and cannot withstand cold temperatures, outright freeze damage to buds, crowns, trunks, limbs or even roots can occur. Plants weakened by insects and diseases or which do not harden-off well prior to winter onset are also more sensitive to freeze damage. Sunscald is the result of freezing of woody tissue at night, after they have been warmed and softened by a sunny, mild winter's day. The damage usually occurs on the south- (sun) facing portions of the trunk and larger limbs, which are genetically winter rated as hardy for the region. Smooth- or thin-barked trees are often more susceptible to this type of damage. Frost heave damage is caused by the freezing of soils. As the ground freezes, it contracts as temperatures fluctuate and freeze/thaw the water contained in them. The most common effect on plants is damage to root systems, and new and shallowly rooted plants are hardest hit.

Winds of desiccation or excessive drying of tissue can occur even when leaves are not on plants. Buds, stems, twigs and limbs continue to respire or breathe even in winter months. Dry soils and steady winds can dry above ground portions, making what may be normally hardy tissue more sensitive to cold temperatures. There are several perennial garden vegetables and fruits that can benefit from winter protection. Asparagus and rhubarb crowns though hardy, should be mulched with straw or shredded leaves to protect from excessive root heaving. Newly planted asparagus and rhubarb are especially sensitive to winter asparagus growth. With asparagus growing in more exposed areas, leaving old fern stalks will help to catch snow, which acts as insulation. If you have had excessive disease (asparagus beetle) during the growing season it is better to remove old ferns in the fall and cover rows with a 4- to 6-inch straw mulch.

Often, straw manure is used in asparagus and rhubarb as fall mulch; however, be careful not to cover rhubarb crowns directly with manure. As spring approaches, be sure to uncover rows so that the soil can warm and emergence is not hindered. Straw can be left down over rows as mulch to help down weeds and cushion paths. Strawberries are shallow rooted and the roots can also be somewhat brittle. Even though crowns are hardy, they should be mulched to minimize frost heaving, which can damage both old and new plants.

Once temperatures have fallen to the 20-25 degree mark, and plants are dormant, apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of wheat straw. Be sure to scatter the straw and not lay heavy flakes over the crowns. Straw is a good insulating material because of the air contained in the hollow stems, and crowns have some breathing room under the mulch. Other mulching materials generally are not as satisfactory for strawberries.

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